

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1018

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Edward D. Starnes, Jr., has devoted the past 47 years to public service in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Ed is a North Carolina native and is married to Rae Starnes. They are the proud parents of three sons - David, Bill and Ed Starnes and one daughter - Katherine (Kitten) Stem; and,

WHEREAS, Ed's job as a financial planner with Home Life Insurance brought him to Huntsville in 1961. His civic involvement began when he volunteered to serve as President of the Davis Hills Elementary School PTA; and,

WHEREAS, by 1968, Ed's reputation as a go-getter had spread to Montgomery. Then-Governor Albert Brewer appointed him to a statewide panel to search for ways to improve all public schools in Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Ed was elected to the city school board in 1976 and became board president the following year -- a position he held until stepping down in 1990. He was one of two school board members ever inducted into the Educational Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, after resigning from the city school board, Ed might have been ready for a break, but then-Mayor Steve Hettinger had other ideas and offered him a seat on the city board of his choice. He chose the Planning Commission, whose duties include overseeing citywide land development policies, approving new subdivisions and public buildings, reviewing proposed zoning changes and managing master plans for downtown and recreational greenways; and,

WHEREAS, Ed retired from his post as Planning Commission Chairman on October 23, 2012. He also resigned from his seat on the Alabama School of Fine Arts' Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Ed enjoyed serving on the Planning Commission and working with an incredible, professional planning staff. He is thankful for the God-given opportunity to spend forty-seven years of his life doing something to help Huntsville and the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Ed is an accomplished watercolor artist whose paintings have been sold to collectors as far away as London, Rome and Frankfurt, Germany. His love affair with art began in 1989 when his wife, Rae, bought him ten painting lessons as a Christmas gift. He plans to keep painting as long as he can hold a brush.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize and gratefully acknowledge Edward D. Starnes for his 47 years of public service to Huntsville, Alabama. May every success be yours in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED on this the 6th day of December, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 6th day of December, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama